

## **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING WITH A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Systems and methods that interface with a management system are provided. In one embodiment, a system and a method may provide a command protocol and format for communication between a network interface card (NIC) and a management device such as, for example, an intelligent management device (IMD). An interface may be adapted to allow the management device to merge its traffic with that of the NIC to provide a fully integrated management solution. The fully integrated management solution may be implemented, for example, without additional network connections.